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Shelley Praises Ninth Circuit Decision, Redoubles Voter Education Efforts

SAN FRANCISCO -- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley said today he welcomed the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision reinstating the October 7th Statewide Special Election. Shelley also said he will redouble voter education efforts so that "a vote cast is a vote counted."

"I appreciate the Ninth Circuit's careful deliberation and prompt ruling on this time-critical case," said Shelley. "The opinion is well-reasoned and thoughtful."

"The court has provided the voters of California with assurance that the recall election will go forward on October 7th.

"The court's action eliminates the uncertainty of the past several days, and that in itself will help to ensure a fair election.

"I particularly appreciate the court's attention to the more than 670,000 voters who have already cast their ballots. I think the court was right to be concerned about voters who have already voted in this election.

"This election poses formidable challenges, which have become all the more demanding in view of the on-again off-again nature of the election. That's why over the next 14 days we will redouble our efforts and aggressively move forward with our unprecedented voter education and outreach so that on Election Day we can help make every vote count."

A few elements of Secretary of State Shelley's outreach campaign includes:

- A one-stop shop for election information, www.myvotecounts.org, in both English and Spanish, to provide critical information and resources like downloadable absentee ballot applications, how to use your county's voting system, and how to find your polling place;
- Toll-free voter assistance hotlines in seven different languages;
- Public Service Announcements in both English and Spanish that alert voters to important deadlines such as the last day to request an absentee ballot, how to find new polling locations and where to find important voting information;

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- Ads in more than 50 minority-language newspapers urging voters to educate themselves on the issues and take advantage of the myvotecounts.org website;
- Working closely with more than 17,000 community-based organizations to help educate new voters about how to cast their ballots on county voting systems;
- Distribution of educational materials in English, Chinese, Spanish, Japanese, Tagalog, Korean, and Vietnamese to reach California's diverse communities; and
- Working hand-in-hand with county elections officials, including trouble-shooting teams that will be on the ground in the counties in the days leading up to the election and on Election Day to provide both voter outreach and technical assistance.